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This chapter may be cited as the "Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies Act".

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 1; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2122.

17-40-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Accident reconstruction" means the interpretation of physical evidence in the application of scientific principles to form opinions relative to the events of an accident;
- (2) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies;
- (3) "Alarm systems agent" means any individual employed by an alarm systems company who sells on site, performs a survey of the premises to be protected, or responds to alarm signal devices, burglar alarms, or cameras as described in subdivision (5) or (27) of this section;
- (4) "Alarm systems apprentice" means any individual employed by an alarm systems company who installs, services, or repairs on site as described in subdivision (5) or (27) of this section that is supervised by an alarm systems technician, a supervisor of technicians, or a manager;
- (5) "Alarm systems company" means any person, firm, association, or corporation that for a fee or other valuable consideration installs, services, sells on site, performs a survey of the premises to be protected, monitors, or responds to electrical, electronic, or mechanical alarm signal devices, burglar alarms, television cameras, or still cameras used to manually or automatically signal or detect burglary, fire, breaking or entering, shoplifting, pilferage, theft, hold-up, or other illegal or unauthorized activity;

(6) "Alarm systems monitor" means any individual employed by an alarm systems company who monitors or responds as described in subdivision (5) of this section;

(7) "Alarm systems technician" means any individual employed by an alarm systems company who installs, services, or repairs on site as described in subdivision (5) or (27) of this section;

(8) "Armored car company" means any person that provides armed security transportation and protection of money, currency, coins, bullion, securities, bonds, jewelry, or other valuables from one (1) place or point to another place or point;

(9) "Board" means the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies;

(10) "Commissioned security officer" means any private security officer to whom a security officer commission has been issued by the board;

(11) "Firearm" means, as defined in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, a weapon from which a shot is discharged by gunpowder;

(12) "Guard company" means any person engaging in the business of providing or undertaking to provide a private watchman, guard, or street patrol service on a contractual basis for another person and performing any one (1) or more of the following or similar functions:

(A) Prevention of intrusion, entry, larceny, vandalism, abuse, fire, or trespass on private property;

(B) Prevention, observation, or detection of any unauthorized activity on private property;

(C) Control, regulation, or direction of the flow or movements of the public, whether by vehicle or otherwise, only to the extent and for the time directly and specifically required to assure the protection of property; or

(D) Protection of individuals from bodily harm;

(13) "Investigations company" means any person who engages in the business or accepts employment to obtain or furnish information with reference to:

(A) Crime or wrongs done or threatened against the United States or any state or territory of the United States;

(B) The identity, habits, conduct, business, occupation, honesty, integrity, credibility, knowledge, trustworthiness, efficiency, loyalty, activity, movement, whereabouts, affiliations, associations, transactions, acts, reputation, or character of any person;

(C) The location, disposition, or recovery of lost or stolen property;

(D) The cause or responsibility for fires, libels, losses, accidents, damages, or injuries to persons or to property; or

(E) The securing of evidence to be used before any court, board, officer, or investigating committee;

(14) "License" means a permit granted by the board entitling a person to operate as a security services contractor, an investigations company, or an alarm systems company;

(15) "Licensee" means any person to whom a license is granted under this chapter;

(16) "Manager" means, in the case of a corporation, an officer or supervisor, or, in the case of a partnership, a general or unlimited partner meeting the experience qualifications set forth in § 17-40-306 for managing a security services contractor or an investigations company;

(17) "NBFAA" means the National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association, 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 901, Bethesda, MD 20814-4805, (301) 907-3208;

(18) "NICET" means the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies, 1420 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-2794, (703) 684-2835;

(19) "Person" means an individual, firm, association, company, partnership, corporation, nonprofit organization, institution, or similar entity;

(20) "Private investigator" means any person who performs one (1) or more services as described in subdivision (13) of this section;

(21) "Private security officer" means any individual employed by a security services contractor or the security department of a private business to perform the duties of a security guard, security watchman, security patrolman, or armored car guard;

(22) "Registrant" means an individual who has filed an application with the board to perform the duties of a private investigator, manager, or branch office manager;

(23) "Registration" means a permit granted by the board to an individual to perform the duties of a private investigator, manager, or branch office manager;

(24) "Security department of a private business" means the security department of any person if the security department has as its general purpose the protection and security of its own property and grounds and if it does not offer or provide security services to any other person;

(25) "Security officer commission" means an authorization granted by the board to an individual employed as a private security officer to carry a firearm;

(26) "Security services contractor" means any guard company or armored car company;

(27) "Single-station alarm systems company" means any person, firm, association, or corporation that for a fee or other valuable consideration installs, services, or sells on site fire, smoke, or heat detectors to be installed in a one-family or two-family dwelling or performs a survey of the premises to be protected if the detectors are single-station installations and not a part of or connected to any other detection device or system;

(28) "Supervisor of technicians" means any individual employed by an alarm systems company who supervises alarm systems technicians or alarm systems apprentices and who may install, service, or repair on site as described in subdivision (5) of this section; and

(29) "Undercover agent" means an individual hired by another individual, partnership, corporation, or other business entity to perform a job for that individual, partnership, corporation, or other business entity and, while performing the job, to act as an undercover agent, an employee, or an independent contractor of a licensee, but supervised by a licensee.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 2; 1979, No. 907, §§ 1-3; 1983, No. 899, §§ 1, 2; 1985, No. 1004, §§ 13-15; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2123; Acts 1989, No. 651, § 1; 1989, No. 926, § 1; 1999, No. 1493, § 1; 2001, No. 1474, § 1.

17-40-103. Exemptions.

(a) This chapter does not apply to:

(1) A person employed exclusively and regularly by one (1) employer in connection with the affairs of that employer only and where there exists an employer-employee relationship;

(2) An officer or employee of the United States, of this state, or of a political subdivision of either, while the employee or officer is engaged in the performance of official duties;

(3) A person who has part-time or full-time employment as a law enforcement officer and who is certified by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training as a law enforcement officer and receives compensation for private employment on an individual or an independent contractor basis as a patrolman, guard, or watchman if the person is:

(A)(i) Employed in an employee-employer relationship; or

(ii) Employed on an individual contractual basis; and

(B) Not in the employ of another law enforcement officer;

(4) A person engaged exclusively in the business of obtaining and furnishing information for purposes of credit worthiness or collecting debts or ascertaining the financial responsibility of applicants

for property insurance and for indemnity or surety bonds, with respect to persons, firms, and corporations;

(5) Consumer reporting agencies as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.;

(6) An attorney at law in performing his or her duties or an employee of an attorney at law, only in connection with providing investigative services to the attorney and his or her practice;

(7) Admitted insurers, insurance adjusters, agents, and insurance brokers licensed by the state performing duties in connection with insurance transacted by them;

(8) An officer, employee, or agent of a communications common carrier, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(h), while engaged in the normal course of business of the carrier or protecting the carrier or a user of the services of that carrier from fraudulent, unlawful, or abusive use of services;

(9) A professional engineer registered with the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors engaged in providing investigative services as outlined in this chapter;

(10) A person who or business which sells or manufactures alarm systems, unless such a person or business performs any service as described in § 17-40-102(5);

(11) Installation, servicing, or responding to fire alarm systems or any alarm device which is installed in a motor vehicle, aircraft, or boat;

(12) Installation of an alarm system on property owned by or leased to the installer;

(13) Installation of fixed fire extinguisher systems by persons licensed by the Arkansas Fire Protection Licensing Board;

(14) Installation of the raceway, conductors, and components of a fire alarm system by an entity holding a valid Arkansas contractor's license, electrical classification, when the systems are furnished by alarm systems companies licensed under this chapter, provided the alarm systems company:

(A) Furnishes a system designed to comply with applicable codes and standards;

(B) Furnishes the installing contractor with wiring diagrams and specifications for the required conductors;

(C) Provides periodic job site inspections of the installation in progress;

(D) Connects and installs the system components;

(E) Tests the completed installation in compliance with NFPA 72, providing the owner's representative and the local fire marshal with test documentation; and

(F) Instructs the system owner's representative and provides operator manuals for the installed system; and

(15) Alarm system agents, alarm system apprentices, and alarm system technicians for class E-S and F-S licenses shall be exempt from the requirements for National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association Level 1 and 2 certification.

(b) Although under the provisions of this chapter the security department of a private business that hires or employs an individual in the capacity of a private security officer to possess a firearm in the course and scope of his or her duties is required to make application for a security officer commission for the individual according to the provisions of this chapter, the security department of a private business shall not be required to make application to the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies for any license under this chapter.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, employees of a licensee who are employed exclusively as undercover agents shall not be required to register with the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies under this chapter.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, §§ 3, 38; 1979, No. 907, § 4; 1983, No. 899, § 3; 1985, No. 756, § 1; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2124, 71-2159; Acts 1987, No. 630, § 1; Acts 1989, No. 651, § 2; 1989, No. 926, § 2; 1991, No. 709, § 1; 1999, No. 1493, § 2; 2001, No. 1474, § 4.

17-40-104. Penalties.

(a) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter within one (1) year of a previous violation is guilty of a Class D felony.

(b) No person shall threaten, intimidate, or attempt to unlawfully influence any member of the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies created by § 17-40-201 while the board member is engaged in the duties of the board. Violations of this subsection shall constitute Class A misdemeanors.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 33; 1981, No. 792, § 16; 1983, No. 899, § 12; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2154, 71-2161; 1999, No. 1493, § 3.

17-40-105. Notice of violation.

No person licensed under this chapter shall be prosecuted for violating this chapter unless the licensee has been notified of the alleged violation within three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the occurrence of the violation.

History. Acts 1983, No. 899, § 11; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2160.

17-40-106. Exclusive regulation - Authority of political subdivisions.

(a) The regulation of investigation, security, and alarm systems businesses shall be exclusive to the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies.

(b) Licensees and employees of licensees, under the provisions of this chapter, shall not be required to obtain any authorization, permit, franchise, or license from, or pay another fee or franchise tax to, or post bond in any city, county, or other political subdivision of this state to engage in the business or perform any service authorized under this chapter.

(c) However, any city or county shall be permitted to require a business operating within its jurisdiction to register without fee and may adopt an ordinance to require users of alarm systems to obtain revocable permits without fee.

History. Acts 1989, No. 926, § 15.

17-40-107. Introduction of evidence - Effect of violations.

The introduction of evidence in all courts in Arkansas shall not be affected by violations of this chapter.

History. Acts 1991, No. 709, § 2.

17-40-201. Creation.

The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies is created to carry out the functions and duties conferred on it by this chapter.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 4; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2125.

17-40-202. Members - Qualifications.

(a) The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall be composed of seven (7) members as follows:

(1) One (1) citizen who is not registered under this chapter and who is not employed by the same person as any other member of the board, appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Sheriffs Association, subject to confirmation by the Senate;

(2) One (1) municipal law enforcement officer or his or her designee, appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Municipal Police Association, subject to confirmation by the Senate;

(3) One (1) member who is registered under this chapter, who is a Class A or Class D licensee, who has been engaged for a period of five (5) consecutive years as a private investigator, and who is not employed by the same person as any other member of the board, appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate;

(4) One (1) member who is registered under this chapter, who has been employed for a period of five (5) consecutive years by a security services contractor, and who is not employed by the same person as any other member of the board, appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate;

(5) One (1) polygraph examiner who is registered under § 17-39-101 et seq., who has been engaged for a period of five (5) consecutive years as a polygraph examiner, and who is not employed by the same person as any other member of the board, appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate;

(6) One (1) member in business with contract security service responsibilities that does not hold a license under this chapter, appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Chapter of the American Society of Industrial Security, subject to confirmation by the Senate; and

(7) One (1) member who is registered under this chapter, who has been engaged for a period of five (5) consecutive years in the alarms systems profession, and who is not employed by the same person as any other member of the board, appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(b) The experience qualifications prescribed for membership on the board in subsection (a) of this section shall be satisfied by experience of five (5) years in the particular field as a police officer in the State of Arkansas or in the armed forces of the United States, or both.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 5; 1981, No. 792, § 1; 1983, No. 899, § 4; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2126.

17-40-203. Members - Terms - Removal - Vacancies - Compensation.

(a) Members of the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall serve four-year terms.

(b) No member shall serve two (2) consecutive terms.

(c) Each member, unless removed by the Governor, shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

(d) Any member who fails to attend two (2) or more consecutive meetings of the board without reasonable cause may be removed by the Governor.

(e) The Governor shall fill all vacancies occurring among appointed members of the board, subject to confirmation by the Senate, with appointments for the duration of the unexpired term.

(f) The members of the board shall serve without pay but may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, §§ 6-8; 1981, No. 792, § 3; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2127 - 71-2129; Acts 1997, No. 250, § 146.

17-40-204. Administrator.

(a) The position of Administrator of the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies is created. The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or his or her designated representative, shall serve as the administrator. The administrator shall not be a member of the board, shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the board, and shall have no financial or business interests, contingent or otherwise, in any security services contractor or investigating company.

(b) All legal process and all documents required by law to be served upon or filed with the board shall be served or filed with the administrator at the designated office of the board.

(c) All official records of the board or affidavits by the administrator as to the content of the records shall be prima facie evidence of all matters required to be kept by the board.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 4; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2125.

17-40-205. Employees.

The number of employees and the salary of each shall be fixed by the General Assembly.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 8; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2129.

17-40-206. Organization and proceedings.

(a) The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall elect from among its members a chair, vice chair, and secretary to serve one-year terms commencing on January 1 of each year. The chair or, in his or her absence, the vice chair shall preside at all meetings of the board and perform the other duties prescribed in this chapter.

(b) The board shall meet at regular intervals to be decided by a majority vote of the board.

(c) At the first meeting, the board shall specify the date and place of the first examinations for licenses to be held.

(d) A majority of the board constitutes a quorum to transact business.

(e) The board shall adopt a seal, the form of which it shall prescribe.

(f) The board shall be governed by the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, §§ 9, 12; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2130, 71-2133.

17-40-207. Powers and duties.

(a) The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To determine the qualifications of licensees, registrants, and commissioned security officers as provided in this chapter;

(2) To investigate alleged violations of the provisions of this chapter and of any rules and regulations adopted by the board;

(3) To promulgate reasonable rules and regulations in the manner provided by the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.; and

(4) To establish and enforce standards governing the safety and conduct of persons licensed, registered, and commissioned under the provisions of this chapter, including authority to adopt a rule to prohibit such persons from using any metallic insignia or identification badge.

(b) In the conduct of any investigation conducted under the provisions of this chapter, the board may issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of pertinent books, accounts, records, and documents. The officer conducting a hearing may administer oaths and may require testimony or evidence to be given under oath.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, §§ 9, 10; 1981, No. 792, § 2; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2130, 71-2131.

17-40-208. Training of personnel.

(a) The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall establish training programs to be conducted by agencies and institutions approved by the board.

(b) The basic training course approved by the board may include the following:

(1) Legal limitations on the use of firearms and on the powers and authority of the private security officer;

(2) Familiarity with this chapter;

(3) Field note taking and report writing;

(4) Range firing and procedure and handgun safety and maintenance; and

(5) Any other topics of security officer training curriculum which the board deems necessary.

(c) The board shall promulgate all rules necessary to administer the provisions of this section concerning the training requirements of this chapter.

(d) When an individual meets the training requirements approved by the board, that individual shall not be required to be trained over again until the private security officer's or commissioned security officer's renewal training is required, which is two (2) years after the private security officer or commissioned security officer is licensed, regardless of the company by which the private security officer or commissioned security officer is employed or trained.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 36; 1979, No. 907, § 20; 1981, No. 792, § 18; 1983, No. 899, § 10; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2157; Acts 2005, No. 2237, § 7.

17-40-209. Fees - Disposition of funds.

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the cost of the investigating and licensing of private investigators and private security agencies as authorized by this chapter be borne by the individuals and agencies so licensed.

(b) To assure that such an intent is carried out, the expenditure for personal services and operating expenses associated with the investigating and licensing of agencies and individuals required to be licensed under the provisions of this chapter shall be limited in the aggregate to the amount deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund from license and registration fees of the individuals and agencies.

(c) In order to provide sufficient revenues to carry out the duties and functions prescribed by this chapter, the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies is authorized to levy fees for licenses as authorized by this chapter in such amounts as may be deemed necessary and proper by the board.

(d) A delinquency fee shall be provided by the board.

(e)(1) All funds received by the board shall be deposited into the State Treasury as special revenues to the credit of the fund.

(2) Money remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to any other fund but shall carry over to the next fiscal year.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 17; 1979, No. 907, § 11; 1981, No. 792, § 9; 1983, No. 537, § 8; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2138, 71-2162; Acts 1989, No. 926, § 3; 1995, No. 430, § 1; 1999, No. 1493, § 4; 2005, No. 2237, § 8.

17-40-301. Unlawful acts.

(a) No licensee or officer, director, partner, manager, or employee of a licensee shall knowingly make any false report to his or her employer or client for whom information was being obtained.

(b) No written report shall be submitted to a client except by the licensee, manager, or a person authorized by one or either of them. The person submitting the report shall exercise diligence in ascertaining whether or not the facts and information in a report are true and correct.

(c) No licensee, or officer, director, partner, manager, or employee of a licensee, except full-time police officers, shall use a title, wear a uniform, use an insignia, use an identification, or make any statement with the intent to give the impression that he or she is connected in any way with the federal government, a state government, county government, city government, or any political subdivision of a state government.

(d) It is unlawful and punishable as provided in § 17-40-104 for any person to represent falsely that he or she is employed by a licensee.

(e) It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided in § 17-40-104 for any state, county, or municipal government, or political subdivision of either, to install, service, maintain, monitor, operate, sell, or lease as lessor any burglar alarm system, fire alarm system, or other electronic security system on private property if a private contractor licensed to do business within the county or municipality offers such systems or services to the public within such a county or municipality. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit a county or municipal government from installing, servicing, maintaining, or operating a burglar alarm system or fire alarm system on any property owned or leased by such a county or municipal government.

(f) No person shall program an automatic dialing device to call any law enforcement agency, fire department, emergency health service, or any state, city, or county agency, without prior approval of the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies.

(g) No licensee shall contract or subcontract with any unlicensed entity that performs a service that is required to be licensed by this chapter.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, §§ 13, 25; 1979, No. 907, § 15; 1981, No. 792, § 12; 1983, No. 899, § 7; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2134, 71-2146; Acts 1989, No. 926, § 4; 1991, No. 786, § 23; 1999, No. 1493, § 5.

17-40-302 - 17-40-304. [Reserved.]

17-40-305. License required.

It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided in § 17-40-104 for any person to engage in the business of, or perform any service as, a private investigator, security services contractor, or alarm systems company, or to offer his or her services in those capacities or engage in any business or business activity required to be licensed by this chapter unless he or she has obtained a license under the provisions of this chapter.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 13; 1983, No. 899, § 7; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2134; Acts 1989, No. 926, § 5.

17-40-306. License - Applicant qualifications.

(a) Unless the requirement is waived by the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies, an applicant for a license or his or her manager must:

(1) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

(2) Be a high school graduate or its equivalent if the applicant is a manager of an investigations company or an individual applying for an investigations company license;

(3) Not have been found guilty of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any:

(A) Felony, Class A misdemeanor, crime involving an act of violence, or any crime involving moral turpitude in any court in the State of Arkansas for which a pardon has not been granted;

(B) Felony, Class A misdemeanor or an offense of a comparable level, crime involving an act of violence, or any crime involving moral turpitude in any court in another state for which a pardon has not been granted; or

(C) Felony, Class A misdemeanor or an offense of a comparable level, crime involving an act of violence, or any crime involving moral turpitude in a military or federal court for which a pardon has not been granted;

(4) Not have been declared by any court of competent jurisdiction incompetent by reason of mental defect or disease and not have been restored;

(5) Not be suffering from habitual drunkenness or from narcotics addiction or dependence;

(6) Not have been discharged from the armed services of the United States under other than honorable conditions;

(7) Be of good moral character; and

(8) Be in compliance with any other reasonable qualifications that the board may fix by rule.

(b)(1) An applicant who applies for a license to engage in the business of an investigations company or his or her manager shall have:

(A) Two (2) consecutive years' experience prior to the date of the application in the investigative field as an agent, employee, manager, or owner of an investigations company;

(B) Been licensed under Acts 1965, No. 447 [repealed];

(C) Two (2) years' experience as a licensed bail bondsman and a baccalaureate degree from a four-year institution of higher education; or

(D) Satisfied such other requirements as may be set by the board.

(2) The experience of the applicant must be reviewed by the board and determined to be adequate to qualify the applicant to engage in the business of an investigations company.

(c) An applicant who applies for a license to engage in the business of a security services contractor or his or her manager shall have two (2) consecutive years' experience prior to the date of application in the security services field as an agent, employee, manager, or owner of a security services contractor company, or the applicant or his or her manager shall have been licensed under Acts 1973, No. 605 [repealed], or shall satisfy such other requirements as may be set by the board.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 14; 1979, No. 907, § 9; 1981, No. 792, § 7; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2135; Acts 1993, No. 1219, § 10; 1995, No. 953, § 1; 2005, No. 2237, § 1.

17-40-307. License - Application and examination.

(a) An application for a license under this chapter shall be in the form prescribed by the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies. The application shall include:

(1) The full name and business address of the applicant;

(2) The name under which the applicant intends to do business;

(3) A statement as to the general nature of the business in which the applicant intends to engage;

(4) A statement as to the classification under which the applicant desires to be qualified;

(5) The full name and residence address of each of the applicant's partners, officers, directors, and its manager, if the applicant is an entity other than an individual;

(6) Two (2) recent photographs, of a type prescribed by the board, of the applicant, if the applicant is an individual, or of each officer and of each partner or shareholder who owns a twenty-five percent (25%) or greater interest in the applicant, if the applicant is an entity;

(7) Two (2) classifiable sets of fingerprints of the applicant, if the applicant is an individual, or of each officer and of each partner or shareholder who owns a twenty-five percent (25%) or greater interest in the applicant, if the applicant is an entity;

(8) A verified statement of his or her experience qualifications;

(9) A verified statement disclosing any record of convictions of the applicant of a felony, Class A misdemeanor, a crime involving an act of violence, or any crime involving moral turpitude; and

(10) Such information as may be required by the board which would show that the applicant is honest, trustworthy, and of good character.

(b) An application for a license under this chapter shall include the social security number of the one making the application.

(c) The board may require an applicant or his or her manager to demonstrate qualifications by an examination to be determined by the board or show proof of other qualifications as may be determined by the board.

(d) Payment of the application fee prescribed by this chapter entitles the applicant or his or her manager to one (1) examination without further charge. If the person fails to pass the examination, he or she shall not be eligible for any subsequent examination except upon payment of the reexamination fee which shall be set by the board in an amount not in excess of the renewal fee for the license classification for which license application was originally made.

(e)(1) Each first-time applicant and applicant for license renewal shall be required to apply to the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police for a state and national criminal background check to be conducted by the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(2) The check shall conform to applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints as required in subdivision (a)(7) of this section.

(3) The applicant shall sign a release of information to the board and shall be responsible for the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background check.

(4) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the board all releasable information obtained concerning the applicant.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 15; 1979, No. 907, § 10; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2136; Acts 1999, No. 1493, § 6; 2005, No. 2237, § 2.

17-40-308. License - Insurance prerequisite.

(a) No Class B, Class C, or general license shall be issued to a company under this chapter unless the applicant files with the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies proof of a policy of continuing public liability insurance in a sum not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), conditioned to compensate any person for damages, including, but not limited to, bodily injury, caused by wrongful acts of the principal or its servants, officers, agents, and employees in the conduct of any business licensed by this chapter.

(b) No Class B or Class C license shall be issued to an armored car company unless the applicant files with the board proof of a valid and continuing policy of armored car cargo insurance protecting customers' valuables in a sum not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

(c)(1) All Class E licensees shall maintain in force at all times while licensed a public liability insurance policy, with minimum limits of liability of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000). All Class F licensees shall maintain in force at all times while licensed a public liability insurance policy, with minimum limits of liability of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

(2) All alarm systems businesses which issue Underwriters' Laboratories certificates for local mercantile, central station, or police connected alarms shall maintain in force at all times a public liability insurance policy in an amount of at least three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000).

(3) Proof of such insurance must be provided to the board upon request.

(4) This section will not pertain to alarm systems businesses that do not sell, install, or service alarm systems.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 32; 1981, No. 792, § 15; 1983, No. 766, § 1; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2153; Acts 1989, No. 926, §§ 7, 8; 1991, No. 57, § 1; 1999, No. 1493, § 7.

17-40-309. License - Classifications.

(a) No person may engage in any operation outside the scope of the person's license.

(b) For the purpose of defining the scope of licenses, the following license classifications are established:

(1) Class A: Investigations company license, covering operations as defined in § 17-40-102(13);

(2) Class B: Security services contractor license, covering operations as defined in § 17-40-102(26);

(3) Class C: Covering the operations included within Class A and Class B;

(4) Class D: A single individual operating as an investigations company with no other employees required to be licensed or registered under this chapter;

(5)(A) Class E Level 1: Alarm systems company license, covering operations as defined in § 17-40-102(5). Fire alarm license is restricted to structures for which applicable building and life safety codes do not mandate the installation of fire alarm systems, one-family or two-family dwellings classified as "Group R3" in the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code.

(B) Class E Level 2: Alarm systems company license covering operations as defined in § 17-40-102(5). Fire alarm license is restricted to structures for which applicable building and life safety codes do not mandate the installation of fire alarm systems, one-family and two-family dwellings classified as "Group R3"; "Group R1", except buildings with three (3) or more stories; "Group R2", except buildings with three (3) or more stories; "Group A", except those that exceed fifteen thousand square feet (15,000

sq.ft.); "Group B", except "highrise"; "Group E", except those that exceed fifteen thousand square feet (15,000 sq.ft.); "Group F"; "Group M"; and "Group S" in the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code.

(C) Class E Level 3: Alarm systems company license covering operations as defined in § 17-40-102(5). Fire alarm license is unrestricted.

(D) Class E-M: Alarm systems company license covering only monitoring as defined in § 17-40-102(5).

(E) Class E-S: A single-station alarm systems company license covering operations as defined by § 17-40-102(27). Fire alarm license is restricted to one-family and two-family dwellings.

(F) Class F-S: A single-station alarm systems company license covering operations as defined by § 17-40-102(27) with no more than five (5) registered employees required to be registered under this chapter. Fire alarm license is restricted to one-family and two-family dwellings.

(6)(A) Class F: An alarm systems company license covering operations as defined in § 17-40-102(5) with no more than five (5) employees required to be registered under this chapter. Fire alarm license is restricted to structures for which applicable building and life safety codes do not mandate installation of fire alarm systems and one-family and two-family dwellings classified as "Group R3" in the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code.

(B) Class F-M: Alarm systems company license covering only monitoring as defined in § 17-40-102(5) with no more than five (5) persons required to be registered under this chapter; and

(7) General: Covering the operations included within Class A, Class B, and Class E.

(c) A person licensed only as a security services contractor may not make any investigation except as incidental to the theft, loss, embezzlement, misappropriation, or concealment of any property which the person has been hired or engaged to protect.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 16; 1981, No. 792, § 8; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2137; Acts 1989, No. 926, § 9; 1999, No. 1493, § 8; 2001, No. 1474, § 2.

17-40-310. License - Form.

A license when issued shall be in the form prescribed by the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies, and shall include:

- (1) The name of the licensee;
- (2) The name under which the licensee is to operate; and
- (3) The number and date of issuance of the license.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 20; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2141.

17-40-311. License - Assignability.

A license issued under this chapter is not assignable.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 22; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2143.

17-40-312. License - Termination.

(a) The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall prescribe by rule the procedure under which a license issued under this chapter may be terminated.

(b) The fee for the termination of a license under this chapter shall be established by the board in an amount not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00).

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 23; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2144.

17-40-313. License - Expiration and renewal.

(a) Licenses issued under this chapter expire one (1) year after the date of issuance if not renewed. To renew an unexpired license, the licensee shall, on or before the date on which it would otherwise expire, apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies, and pay the renewal fee prescribed by this chapter. On renewal, a renewal license shall be issued to the licensee.

(b) Renewal of a license shall not prohibit the bringing of disciplinary proceedings for an act committed before the effective date of the renewal.

(c) A suspended license is subject to expiration and shall be renewed as provided in this chapter. However, renewal does not entitle the licensee, while the license remains suspended and until it is reinstated, to engage in the licensed activity or in any other activity or conduct in violation of the order or judgment by which the license was suspended.

(d) It shall be unlawful for a suspended license holder or its employee to operate while the license is suspended.

(e) A license which is not renewed within two (2) years after its expiration may not be renewed, restored, reinstated, or reissued thereafter.

(f) The holder of the license may obtain a new license only on compliance with all of the provisions of this chapter relating to the issuance of an original license.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, §§ 34, 35, 37; 1981, No. 792, §§ 17, 19; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2155, 71-2156, 71-2158.

17-40-314. Licenses - Managers.

(a)(1) The business of each licensee, other than in instances where the licensee company is owned and operated by the same individual who meets the qualifications of a manager, shall be operated under the direction and control of at least one (1) manager.

(2) Licensees in instances where the licensee company is owned and operated by the same individual who meets the qualifications of a manager shall not be required to obtain a manager's license.

(b) No person shall act as a manager of a licensee until he or she has:

(1) Demonstrated his or her qualifications by a written examination; and

(2) Made a satisfactory showing to the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies that he or she has the qualifications prescribed by § 17-40-306 and that none of the facts stated in § 17-40-350(a) exist as to him or her.

(c) It shall be unlawful and punishable as provided in § 17-40-104 for any individual to make application to the board as manager or to serve as manager of an investigations company, security services contractor, or alarm systems company unless the individual intends to maintain a supervisory position on a daily basis for the investigations company, security services contractor, or alarm systems company.

(d) If the manager, who has qualified as provided in this section, ceases to be manager for any reason whatsoever, the licensee shall notify the board in writing within fourteen (14) days from the cessation. If notice is given, the license shall remain in force for a reasonable length of time to be determined by the rules of the board pending the qualification, as provided in this chapter, of another manager. If the licensee fails to notify the board within the fourteen-day period, his or her license shall be subject to suspension or revocation.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, §§ 13, 18; 1981, No. 792, § 10; 1983, No. 899, § 7; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2134, 71-2139; Acts 1989, No. 926, § 10.

17-40-315. Duties of licensee.

(a) Each licensee shall maintain a record containing the information relative to his or her employees as may be prescribed by the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies.

(b) At all times a licensee shall be legally responsible for the good conduct in the business of each employee, including his or her manager.

(c) Any licensed entity finding a violation of this chapter shall report the violation to the local authority and to the board.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, §§ 24, 26; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2145, 71-2147; Acts 1999, No. 1493, § 9.

17-40-316. Licenses - Change of address, name, or officers.

(a) Notification to the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall be made within fourteen (14) days after:

(1) The change of address of the principal place of business of a licensee;

(2) The change of address of a branch office; or

(3) The change of a business name under which a licensee does business.

(b) A licensee shall, within fourteen (14) days after the change, notify the board of:

(1) Any and all changes of his or her address;

(2) The change of the name under which he or she does business; and

(3) Any changes in its officers or partners.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 21; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2142.

17-40-317. Licensees - Windup period.

When the individual on the basis of whose qualifications a license under this chapter has been obtained ceases to be connected with the licensee for any reason whatsoever, the business may be carried on for a temporary period under such terms and conditions as the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall provide by regulation.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 18; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2139.

17-40-318. Training requirements for alarm system business.

(a) The licensee or his or her manager of a Class E Level 1 and Class F license shall show proof of National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association Level 2 certification or board-approved equivalent. The licensee or his or her manager for a Class E Level 1 shall have two (2) years from July 30, 1999, to obtain the aforementioned certification. An applicant for a Class E Level 1 and Class F license or his or her manager applicant shall show proof of National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association Level 2 certification or board-approved equivalent before the license may be issued.

(b) The licensee or his or her manager of a Class E Level 2 license shall show proof of National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association Level 2, National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies Level II certification or board-approved equivalent. The licensee or his or her manager shall have two (2) years from July 30, 1999, to obtain the aforementioned certification. An applicant for a Class E Level 2 license or his or her manager applicant shall show proof of National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association Level 2 certification, National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies Level II certification or board-approved equivalent before the license may be issued.

(c) The licensee or his or her manager of a Class E Level 3 license shall show proof of National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies Level III, National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association Level 2 and Practical Fire Alarm Course, or board-approved equivalent. The licensee or his or her manager shall have two (2) years from July 30, 1999, to obtain the aforementioned certification.

An applicant for a Class E Level 3 license or his or her manager applicant shall show proof of National Burglar and Fire Alarm Association Level 2 and Practical Fire Alarm Course, National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies Level III, or board-approved equivalent before the license may be issued.

(d) All persons applying for a license as an alarm system company or his or her manager applicant shall successfully complete the examination as manager under the provisions of this chapter and the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies' rules and regulations.

(e) All applicants for licensure shall meet other reasonable qualifications as may be adopted by the board.

(f) The licensee or the licensee's manager of a Class E-S or Class F-S license shall demonstrate that he or she is knowledgeable in fire protection and the proper use and placement of single-station fire and heat detectors by satisfactorily completing an examination to be approved by the board on the single-station portion of the Household Fire Warning Protection provision of the National Fire Protection Association, 72 Code Book, as it exists on January 1, 2001, and the Arkansas Fire Code as it pertains to single-station fire detection devices.

History. Acts 1989, No. 926, § 6; 1999, No. 1493, § 10; 2001, No. 1474, § 3.

17-40-319 - 17-40-324. [Reserved.]

17-40-325. Registration required.

Every employee of a licensee who is employed as a private investigator, manager, private security officer, commissioned security officer, alarm systems technician, alarm systems monitor, alarm systems apprentice, registrant private investigator, or alarm systems agent must be registered with the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies within fourteen (14) calendar days after the commencement of the employment.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 27; 1979, No. 907, § 16; 1983, No. 899, § 8; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2148; Acts 1989, No. 926, §§ 11, 14; 2005, No. 2237, § 9.

17-40-326. Registration - Applicant qualifications.

(a) The minimum age of a person registered as a private investigator, security officer, alarm agent, alarm technician, alarm monitor, alarm supervisor, or alarm apprentice under this subchapter shall be eighteen (18) years of age.

(b) The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies may promulgate by rule any additional qualifications for an individual registered under this subchapter as a private investigator, manager, private security officer, branch office manager, alarm monitor, alarm supervisor, alarm apprentice, or alarm systems agent, which may include provision for apprenticeship programs.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 27; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2148; Acts 1989, No. 926, § 12; 1999, No. 1493, § 11.

17-40-327. Registration - Application.

The application for registration shall be verified and shall include all of the following:

(1) The full name, residence address, residence telephone number, date and place of birth, and the social security number of the employee;

(2) The name and address of the employer, the date the employment commenced, and a letter from the licensee requesting that the employee be registered under his or her license;

(3) The title of the position occupied by the employee and a description of his or her duties;

(4) Two (2) recent photographs of the employee of a type prescribed by the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies and two (2) classifiable sets of his or her fingerprints;

(5)(A) A verified statement disclosing any record of convictions or pleas of guilty or nolo contendere of the applicant of a felony, a Class A misdemeanor, a crime involving an act of violence, or any crime involving moral turpitude.

(B) The verified statement shall be obtained from the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police after a state and national criminal background check has been conducted by the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(C) The check shall conform to applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints as required in § 17-40-307(a)(7).

(D) The applicant shall sign a release of information to the board and shall be responsible for the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background check.

(E) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the board all releasable information obtained concerning the applicant; and

(6) Other information, evidence, statements, or documents required by the board.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 28; 1979, No. 907, § 17; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2149; Acts 2005, No. 2237, § 3.

17-40-328. Registration fee.

The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies is authorized to levy fees for registration as authorized by this chapter in such amounts as may be deemed necessary and proper by the board.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 31; 1979, No. 907, § 19; 1981, No. 792, § 14; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2152; Acts 1989, No. 926, § 13; 1995, No. 430, § 2; 1999, No. 1493, § 12.

17-40-329. Registration - Issuance of identification card - Transfer and fee - Cancellation.

(a) An identification card of such size, design, and content as may be determined by the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall be issued to each registrant under this chapter. The date of expiration shall be noted on the identification card. The identification card shall contain a photograph and the name of the agency.

(b) The registration of each registrant, private security officer, alarm systems technician, alarm systems monitor, alarm systems apprentice, registrant private investigator, or alarm systems agent expires two (2) years from the date of issuance and is valid regardless of the security company, alarm company, or investigative company by which the registrant, commissioned security officer, alarm systems technician, alarm systems monitor, alarm systems apprentice, registrant private investigator, or alarm systems agent is employed.

(c) When an individual to whom a registration has been issued terminates his or her position, he or she shall return the identification card to the licensee within five (5) days after his or her date of termination.

(d) When an individual to whom a registration has been issued terminates his or her employment with a company, he or she must, prior to becoming employed with a different agency, notify the board in writing and pay a transfer fee.

(e) Within seven (7) days after the licensee has received the identification of a terminated registered employee, the licensee shall mail or deliver the identification card to the board for cancellation, along with a letter from the licensee stating:

- (1) The date the registered employee terminated;
- (2) The date the licensee received the identification card of the terminated registered employee; and
- (3) The cause for which or the conditions under which the registered employee terminated.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, §§ 29, 30; 1979, No. 907, § 18; 1981, No. 792, § 13; 1983, No. 899, § 9; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2150, 71-2151; Acts 1989, No. 926, § 14; 1995, No. 430, § 3; 1999, No. 1493, § 13; 2005, No. 2237, § 10.

17-40-330 - 17-40-334. [Reserved.]

17-40-335. Security officer's commission required.

It is unlawful and punishable as provided in § 17-40-104:

(1) For a person to employ an individual as a private security officer and knowingly authorize or permit him or her to carry a firearm during the course of performing his or her duties as a private security officer if the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies has not issued him or her a security officer commission under § 17-40-336;

(2) For an individual employed as a private security officer to knowingly carry a firearm during the course of performing his or her duties as a private security officer if the board has not issued him or her a security officer commission under § 17-40-336; or

(3) For any person to hire or employ an individual or for any individual to accept employment in the capacity of a private security officer to carry a firearm in the course and scope of his or her duties unless the private security officer is issued a security officer commission by the board.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 19; 1979, No. 907, §§ 12-14; 1981, No. 792, § 11; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2140.

17-40-336. Commission - Geographical scope.

(a) With the concurrence of the Department of Arkansas State Police, the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies may issue a security officer commission to an individual employed as a uniformed private security officer, provided that the geographical scope of the security officer commission is restricted to one (1) named county in the state and all counties contiguous to the named county, except as allowed in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) With the concurrence of the department, the board may issue a security officer commission that is broader in geographical scope within the state than that specified in subsection (a) of this section if the broader scope is shown to be in the public interest and necessary to the performance of the duties of the private security officer.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 19; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2140.

17-40-337. Commission - Applicant qualifications.

(a) No security officer commission may be issued to any individual who:

(1) Is under twenty-one (21) years of age;

(2) Has been found guilty of or who has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any felony in any:

(A) Court in the State of Arkansas for which a pardon has not been granted;

(B) Court in another state for which a pardon has not been granted; or

(C) Military or federal court for which a pardon has not been granted; or

(3) Has committed any act which if committed by a licensee would be grounds for suspension or revocation of a license under this chapter.

(b) The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall not issue a security officer commission to an applicant employed by a licensee or the security department of a private business unless the applicant submits evidence satisfactory to the board that he or she meets all qualifications established by this chapter and by the rules of the board.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, §§ 19, 36; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 71-2140, 71-2157; Acts 2005, No. 2237, § 4.

17-40-338. Commission - Armored car company employees.

(a) With the concurrence of the Department of Arkansas State Police, the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall issue a security officer commission to a qualified employee of an armored car company that is a carrier that has a permit from the proper federal or state regulatory authority to conduct the armored car business in accordance with the permit or certificate.

(b) A security officer commission issued to an employee of an armored car company shall be broad enough in its geographical scope to cover the county or counties in this state in which the armored car company has a permit or certificate to conduct its business.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 19; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2140.

17-40-339. Commission - Processing of applications.

(a) The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall send a copy of each application for a security officer commission to the sheriff of the county and the chief of police of the principal city of the county in which the applicant resides.

(b) A sheriff or chief of police who wishes to object to the issuance of a security officer commission to a particular applicant may do so by mailing or otherwise delivering, within twenty (20) days after the date the notice was mailed to him or her, a written statement of his or her objection and his or her reasons to the board.

(c) In its discretion, the board may set the matter for a hearing if an objection is timely filed.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 19; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2140.

17-40-340. Commission - Issuance of identification card.

(a) Each security officer commission issued under this section shall be in the form of an identification card designed by the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies and shall identify the licensee and the security department of a private business by whom the holder of the security officer commission is employed.

(b) No charge shall be imposed for the identification card.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 19; 1979, No. 907, § 13; 1981, No. 792, § 11; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2140; 1999, No. 1493, § 14.

17-40-341. [Repealed.]

17-40-342. Commission - Termination.

If the holder of a license, registration, or commission terminates his or her employment with the licensee or the security department of a private business, he or she shall return the identification card to the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies within seven (7) days of the date of termination of the employment.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 19; 1981, No. 792, § 11; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2140; Acts 1999, No. 1493, § 16.

17-40-343. Commission - Expiration.

A security officer commission expires two (2) years after the date it is issued.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 19; 1979, No. 907, § 13; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2140; Acts 2005, No. 2237, § 11.

17-40-344. Commission - Suspension or denial.

The Administrator of the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies may suspend or deny a security officer commission if the holder or applicant is indicted or arrested for a felony, a Class A misdemeanor, a crime involving an act of violence, or a crime involving moral turpitude.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 19; 1979, No. 907, § 14; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2140; Acts 1999, No. 1493, § 17; 2005, No. 2237, § 5.

17-40-345 - 17-40-349. [Reserved.]

17-40-350. License, registration, or commission - Grounds for disciplinary action.

(a) The Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies may revoke, place on probation, or suspend any registration, license, or security officer commission and may either fine in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation of this chapter or reprimand any registrant, licensee, or commissioned security officer, or both, or the board may deny an application for a registration, license, or security officer commission, or renewal thereof, on proof that the applicant, licensee, commissioned security officer, or registrant has:

(1) Violated any provision of this chapter or violated any of the rules and regulations promulgated under this chapter;

(2) Been found guilty of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any:

(A) Felony, Class A misdemeanor, crime involving an act of violence, or crime involving moral turpitude by any court in the State of Arkansas for which a pardon has not been granted;

(B) Felony, Class A misdemeanor or an offense of a comparable level, any crime involving an act of violence, or any crime involving moral turpitude in any court in another state for which a pardon has not been granted; or

(C) Felony, Class A misdemeanor or an offense of a comparable level, any crime involving an act of violence, or any crime involving moral turpitude in a military or federal court for which a pardon has not been granted;

(3) Practiced fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation;

(4) Made a material misstatement in the application for or renewal of a license, registration, or security officer commission; or

(5) Demonstrated incompetence or untrustworthiness in his or her actions.

(b) The Administrator of the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies may summarily suspend, for no more than sixty (60) days, any registration or commission if it is shown that the health, safety, or welfare of the public is endangered.

(c)(1) The board may suspend any registration, license, or commission on conviction in this state or any other state or territory of the United States or in any foreign country, of a felony, a Class A misdemeanor, a crime involving an act of violence, or a crime involving an act of moral turpitude for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days pending a hearing and a determination of charges.

(2) If the licensee is a corporation, proof of actual participation and knowledge on the part of the registrant is required.

(3) If the hearing is adjourned at the request of the registrant or licensee, the suspension may be continued for the additional period of the adjournment.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 11; 1979, No. 907, §§ 5-8; 1981, No. 792, §§ 4-6; 1983, No. 899, §§ 5, 6; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2132; Acts 2005, No. 2237, §§ 6, 12.

17-40-351. License, registration, or commission - Procedure for denial.

(a) The Administrator of the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies shall have the authority to deny the issuance of a license, registration, or commission.

(b) He or she shall notify the applicant of his or her decision in writing.

(c) The applicant may appeal the decision to the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies, provided he or she perfects the appeal within ten (10) days of his or her notice of rejection.

(d) The board shall hear his or her appeal within sixty (60) days.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 11; 1979, No. 907, §§ 5-8; 1981, No. 792, § 6; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2132.

17-40-352. License, registration, or commission - Record of denial, revocation, or suspension.

(a) In the event that the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies denies the application or revokes or suspends any license, security officer commission, or registration, or imposes any reprimand or fine the board's determination shall be in writing and officially signed.

(b) The original copy of the determination, when signed, shall be filed with the board. Copies shall be mailed to the applicant, licensee, commissioned security officer, or registrant and to the complainant within two (2) days after the filing.

History. Acts 1977, No. 429, § 11; 1979, No. 907, §§ 5-8; A.S.A. 1947, § 71-2132.

17-40-353. Reciprocity.

Any person who is licensed under the laws of another state or territory of the United States as a security services contractor, private investigator, or alarm systems company may apply for a license in this state upon production of satisfactory proof that:

(1) The other state or territory grants similar reciprocity to license holders of this state;

(2) The requirements for licensing in the particular state or territory were at the date of the applicant's licensing substantially equivalent to the requirements now in effect in this state;

(3) The applicant meets all the qualifications for the particular license of § 17-40-306 and pays the fees specified for the particular license in § 17-40-209; and

(4) The applicant meets other reasonable qualifications as may be adopted by the Arkansas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies for reciprocity.

History. Acts 1993, No. 940, § 1.

17-40-354. Fingerprint cards.

The Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police may retain the fingerprint card collected for each individual who is fingerprinted under this chapter.

History. Acts 2005, No. 2237, § 13.
